agenda. There is likely to be difference of opinion. Not only there will be difference of opinion but people may purposely misinterpret things."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall pass on to the next question."

Amendment to Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act.

* 111[a] *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Tanjore District Vivasayigal Sangam that the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act should be amended; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. A representation was received from the Sangam in September 1953. It contained certain suggestions to amend the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, 1952. No action was taken on those suggestions as it was considered that the question of amending the Act need be taken up only after sufficient experience is gained in working it."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சென்ற 1½ வருட காலமாக தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் அமுலிலிருக்கக்கூடிய அந்தச் சட்டத்தை. நேரடியான அனுபவம் வாய்ந்த கிஸான் சபையினர் திருத்துமாறு சர்க்காருக்குச் சில யோசனைகளைக் கூறியிருக்கிறார்கள். அந்தச் சட்டத்தை அவர்கள் சொல்லியிருக்கக்கூடிய முறையில் திருத்துவதற்காக, சர்க்கார், தங்களுக்கு எதாவது சந்தேகமிருந்தால், அந்தக் கிஸான் சபை பிரதிநிதிகளையழைத்து அவர்களுடன் விவாதிப்பதற்கு யோசிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The representation will be examined. I am not in a position to say now whether the representatives of the Sangam will be called for or not."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that even now after the experience of 1½ years of the working of the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act that the tenants and Pannaiyals are not satisfied with the working of the Act? Will the Government, therefore, come forward with the necessary amendments to the Act? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, we are carefully watching the situation and how things progress."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know how this Act is working in Chidambaram taluk? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is straying away from the main question. He may put a separate question."

(Sri V. R. Nagarajan rose.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question is whether the Government have received any representation from the Tanjore District

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Vivasayigal Sangam that the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act should be amended. But the hon. Member is putting a question on some other subject. Let him put a separate question."

Primary Health Centres in North Arcot district.

* 112[a] *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of primary health centres in North Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Four, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" I want to know when all these centres were opened. I also want to know whether any more centres were opened during the last years."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They were opened about half a dozen years ago. All the four centres are situated in Tiruvannamalai taluk."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" I want to know why the Government have not opened any centres other than these four centres either in South Arcot or North Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" These centres were opened in accordance with the suggestion of the Health Survey and Development Committee. About thirty centres were opened in the Composite State. Some of them have since been closed down. It has been found that these centres are not working satisfactorily."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Were the centres closed down due to the reason that doctors were not available to conduct those centres, for I know one instance in Chingleput where a centre had been running without a doctor for a long time and ultimately was closed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. Doctors are unwilling to go and settle down in these places even though they are paid the salary of a Civil Assistant Surgeon."

Reduction in the rate of travelling allowance of Police constables in Malabar.

* 114 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

10-10 a.m. (*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently passed a Government Order reducing the rate of travelling allowance of the Police constables of Malabar from one rupee to twelve annas; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes; but the order affects not only police constables, but all Government servants drawing Rs. 44 per mensem or less in the Malabar district.

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